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Subordination

1. The 14 "Makedonski" Rifle Regiment, ¹ [] is subordinate to the 10 "Strumska" Rifle Division with headquarters in Stanke Dimitrov and to the 1 Army located in Sofia.
2. The commander of the 1 Army is Asen Grekov. ² "Amerikan" Georgiev is the commander of the 10 "Strumska" Division. Colonel Chochoglu is the assistant commander of the 10 Division;

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Regimental T/O 14 Rifle Regiment

3. The 14 Regiment is composed of the following:

- a. The 1 Rifle Battalion;
- b. The 2 Rifle Battalion;
- c. A "Self-Propelled Artillery Battery, [], strength 30 officers and men;
- d. A Mortar Battery, [], strength 60 officers and men;

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- e. An Antitank Battery [redacted] strength 60 officers and men;
- f. A Communications Company [redacted] strength 60 officers and men;
- g. A Service Company, [redacted] strength 30 officers and men;
- h. A Reconnaissance Platoon, [redacted] strength 15 officers and men;
- i. The Regimental NCO School [redacted]
- j. Antiaircraft Artillery Platoon [redacted] strength 20 officers and men;
- k. A Chemical Warfare Platoon, [redacted] strength 10 officers and men;
- l. The Regimental Band, strength 16 officers and men; and
- m. The Regimental Infirmary, strength 11 officers and men.

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4. [redacted] a notice in the regimental mess that 750 men were to be fed. [redacted] estimate of the actual strength of the regiment based on observations of the troops in formation, is considerably more than this. [redacted]

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The 1 Rifle Battalion

5. The 1 Rifle Battalion, strength about 300 officers and men, is composed of the following:
- a. The 1 Rifle Company, [redacted] strength 60 officers and men;
 - b. The 2 Rifle Company, [redacted] strength 60 officers and men;
 - c. The 3 Rifle Company, [redacted] strength 60 officers and men;
 - d. The 1 Heavy Machine Gun Company [redacted] strength 30 officers and men;
 - e. The 1 Mortar Platoon, [redacted] strength 30 officers and men; and
 - f. The 1 Antitank Platoon, [redacted] strength 30 officers and men.

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The 2 Rifle Battalion

6. The 2 Rifle Battalion, strength about 300 officers and men, is identical in organization to the 1 Rifle Battalion. The designation and strength of its component units are as follows:
- a. The 4 Rifle Company [redacted] strength 45 officers and men;
 - b. The 5 Rifle Company [redacted] strength 50 officers and men;
 - c. The 6 Rifle Company [redacted] strength 65 officers and men;
 - d. The 2 Heavy Machine Gun Company [redacted] strength 45 officers and men;
 - e. The 2 Mortar Platoon, [redacted] strength 30 officers and men; and
 - f. The 2 Antitank Platoon, [redacted] strength 30 officers and men.

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7. Each unit designated as a company has three platoons of three squads.⁴

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Officer Personnel of the 14 Rifle Regiment

8. [redacted] the following officers in 14 Rifle Regiment: 25X1

a. Colonel Vasev; commander of 14 Rifle Regiment until February 1951; currently the CO of a brigade with its headquarters in Zvezdets; [redacted] 25X1

b. Major Velchevski; commander of the 14 Rifle Regiment from February to December 1951; transferred to an unspecified unit in Turnovo; [redacted]

c. Major Simeonov⁶; commander of the 14 Rifle Regiment from December 1951 to April 1952; [redacted] 25X1

d. Captain Vasev; commander of the 14 Rifle Regiment from April to August 1952; [redacted] 25X1

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e. Captain Angelov; deputy commander of the 14 Rifle Regiment; [redacted] 25X1

f. Captain Zhlebkov; commanding officer of the Regimental Headquarters Company; [redacted]

g. Senior First Lieutenant Boev; training officer, Regimental Headquarters Company; [redacted]

h. Captain Aladzhov; Food supply officer, Regimental Headquarters Company; [redacted]

i. Senior Lieutenant Kestanov; supply and material officer, Regimental Headquarters Company; [redacted]

j. Senior First Lieutenant Koshklev; commander of the 1 Rifle Battalion; [redacted] 25X1

k. Senior First Lieutenant Ganchev; commander of the 1 Rifle Company; [redacted]

l. Senior First Lieutenant Mikhaylov; commander of the 1 Heavy Machine Gun Company; [redacted]

m. Senior First Lieutenant Zhelev; commander of the 2 Rifle Battalion [redacted]

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- n. First Lieutenant Nikolov; commander of the 4 Rifle Company; [redacted]
- o. First Lieutenant Pekov; commander of the 5 Rifle Company; [redacted]
- p. First Lieutenant Mikhaylov; political officer of the 5 Rifle Company;
- q. First Lieutenant Kertsazov; commander of the 6 Rifle Company; [redacted]
- r. First Lieutenant Georgi Antov; ⁹commander of the 2 Heavy Machine Gun Company; [redacted]
- s. First Lieutenant Godachev; commander of the 2 Mortar Platoon attached to 2 Rifle Battalion; [redacted]
- t. First Lieutenant Mityu Boychev; commander of the 2 Antitank Artillery Platoon of the 2 Rifle Battalion; [redacted]
- u. Senior First Lieutenant Mavrov; commander of the Regimental Heavy Mortar Battery; [redacted] 25X1
- v. Senior First Lieutenant Ganishev; commander of the Regimental Antitank Artillery Battery; [redacted] 25X1
- w. First Lieutenant Simeonov; commander of the Regimental Self-Propelled Artillery Battery; [redacted] 25X1
- x. First Lieutenant Ivanov; commander of the Regimental Communication Company; [redacted] 25X1
- y. First Lieutenant Delaverski; commander of the Regimental Antiaircraft Artillery Platoon; [redacted] 25X1
- z. Senior First Lieutenant Toncho Dinchev Tonchev; chief doctor for the 14 Rifle Regiment; [redacted] 25X1
- aa. Senior First Lieutenant Nikolov; doctor in the Regimental Infirmary; [redacted] 25X1

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- bb. Senior First Lieutenant Audrey Ivanov Matev; sanitary officer (Felsher) for the 14 Rifle Regiment; [redacted] 25X1
- cc. Second Lieutenant Nikolov (fnu); sanitary officer in the 14 Rifle Regiment Infirmary; [redacted] 25X1
- dd. Starshina Spas Lazov; pharmacist in the 14 Rifle Regiment Infirmary; [redacted] 25X1
- ee. Captain Rusev (fnu); commander of the 14 Rifle Regiment NCO course; [redacted] 25X1

Armament and Equipment of the 14 Rifle Regiment¹⁰

9. The 14 Rifle Regiment is equipped with only Soviet weapons. The regiment has an unknown number of the following:
- 7.62 mm. "Vintovka" rifles 1943 and 1944 models
 - 7.62 mm. Shpagin submachine guns, 1944 model with 72 round drum magazine
 - 7.62 mm. Maksim heavy machine gun on Sokolov mount with 41 round drum magazine
 - 7.62 mm. "TT", Tokarev pistols, Model 1944 with 8 round cartridge
10. [redacted] 25X1
11. The regiment has three "ZIS" trucks, 30 carts and 60-70 animals.
12. The regiment has red, green and white signal flares. The communications section has Soviet wireless and telephone equipment.
13. Soldiers are equipped with small excavating tools and large excavating tools are stored in one of the depots.

Activities of the 14 Rifle Regiment

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14. [redacted] the maneuvers of 1951 [redacted] took place from 5 to 15 October. The 14 Rifle Regiment, an unidentified infantry regiment and an unidentified artillery regiment both stationed in Kyustendil and attached to the 10 "Strumska" Division and an unidentified artillery regiment located in Stanke Dimitrov and attached to the 10 "Strumska" Division took part. [redacted] 25X1

Medical Information 14 Rifle Regiment

15. An average of 20-25 men a day report to the regiment infirmary. Most of them have chills, headaches, toothaches, occasionally appendicitis or work injuries. The doctors and health officers usually treat patients harshly. Only doctors and health officers can relieve a soldier from duty. First aid men are not authorized to relieve them from duty. Only patients with serious ailments are admitted to the infirmary.
16. Each company has a medical log. Ill soldiers register their names in this log which is signed by the company commander or starshi serzhant and is countersigned by the examining doctor who enters the results of the examination.
17. There are seven beds in the regimental infirmary. Only injury and high fever cases are admitted to the infirmary. Appendectomy and pleurisy cases are sent to the military hospital in Stanke Dimitrov. Emergency cases are sent to the State Hospital in Blagoevgrad.

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18. Army personnel are inoculated once a year against typhoid and vaccinated once in two or three years for small pox. Every spring the soldiers are given one tablespoon of syrup (sic) against dysentery.

Recall of Reserves

19. In 1952, 30-40 men of ages 35-40 were recalled for two months training in the use of Soviet weapons. These men formed a separate mortar unit and were trained separately from the regular troops. Training was directed by a regular officer assisted by a reserve officer.
20. Officers recalled to duty spend one month in 10 Division Headquarters. During this time they wear no rank insignia. They are then sent to regular units for a month and act as assistants to regular officers. At this time they wear their insignia.

Barracks of the 14 Rifle Regiment in Blagoevgrad

21. The barracks of the 14 Rifle Regiment are on the southern outskirts of Blagoevgrad. Reference is made to Appendix A [redacted] of the barracks area.

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Key to Appendix A

1. Stable and fodder storehouse
2. Horse cart garage and wood depot
3. Bakery
4. Mortar garage and blacksmith's shop
5. Sentry box
6. Tailor shop, carpentry shop, shoemaker and weapons repair shop
7. Dormitories
8. Ground floor, mess hall, second and third floors, dormitories; fourth floor, Regimental Headquarters
9. Horse cart garage
10. Infirmary
11. Self-Propelled Artillery garage
12. Band hall
13. Truck, horse cart and antitank gun garage
14. Harness room
15. Gas depot (Gas is stored in barrels).
16. Weapons and ammunition storehouse
17. Clothing storehouse
18. Road to Petrich
19. Blagoevgrad
- xxxxx Barbed wire fence
- mm Stone wall

1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] the 14 "Rilska" Rifle Regiment was redesignated the 23 "Makedonski" Rifle Regiment in late December 1950 or early January 1951.

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2. [redacted] Comment: Latest Order of Battle holdings list Lieutenant General Diko D. Dikov as commander of 1 Army.

3. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] Colonel Chochoglu as the CO of the 10 Division.

4. [redacted]

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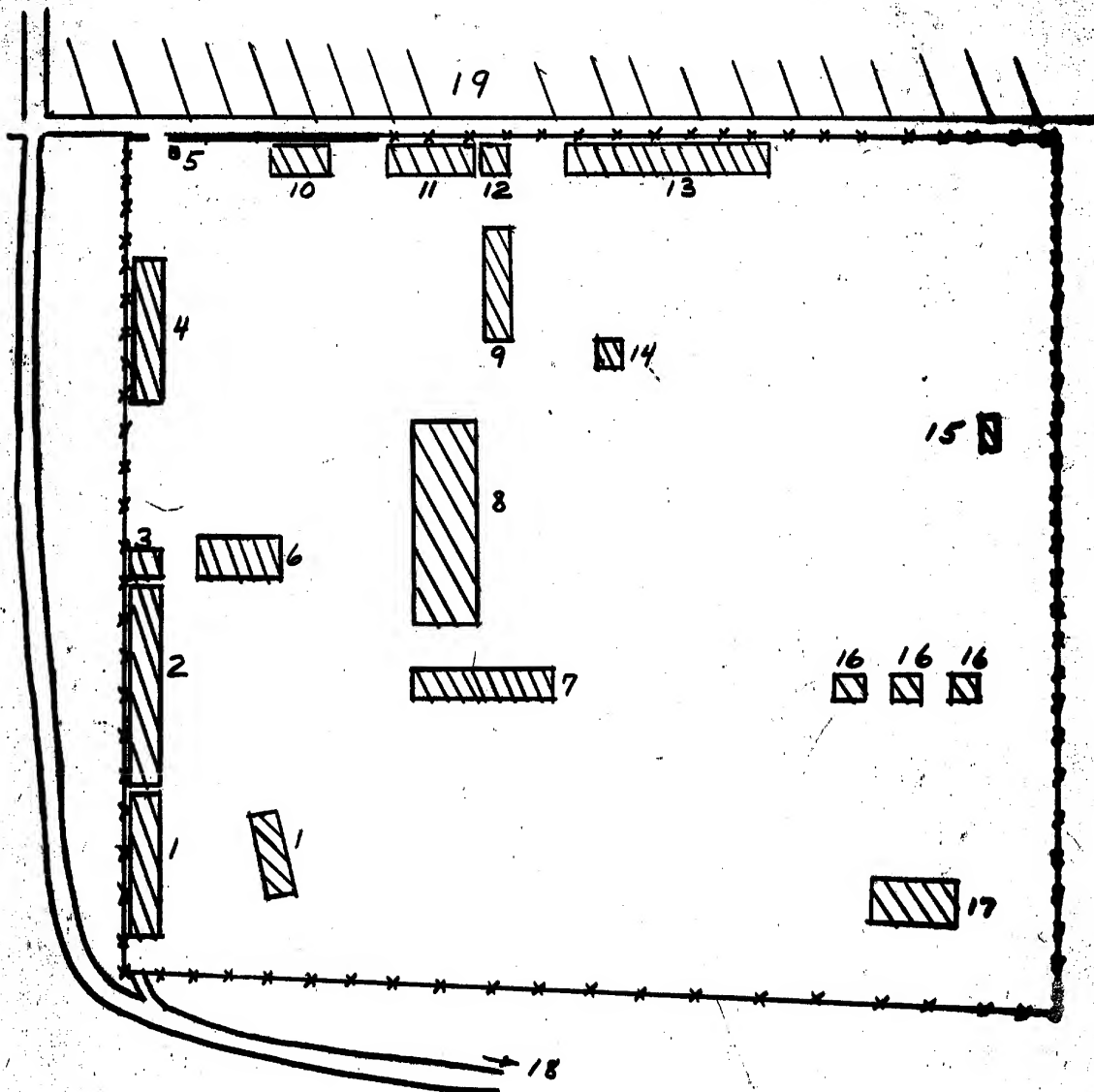
5. Comment: [redacted] Colonel Vasev, of Stanke Dimitrov as CO of the 16 Mountain Brigade whose headquarters is in Zvezdets. 25X1
6. Comment: [redacted] Major Simeon Simeonov who commanded the 23 Rifle Regiment from December 1950 to August 1951 when he allegedly retired.
7. [redacted]
8. Comment: Probably identical with Padesh village (N 41-56, E 23-01).
9. [redacted]
10. [redacted]

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State Security and Militia Office

1. The Turnovo Okoliya State Security and Militia offices are located in one building which is located in the southeast sector of the town on a street connecting with Gorna Oryakhovitsa highway. It is 15 meters long, has two stories and is of whitewashed brick.

City People's Council and Okoliya Court

2. The Turnovo City People's Council is located on the south side of the main street in the southeast sector, where the street divides to go to the Turkish quarter and to Gorna Oryakhovitsa. It is housed in an old, 3-story 40 x 20 meter, white painted brick building; the entrance is in the center of the front side; there is a small garden in front of the building.
3. The Okoliya Court is held in one of the upper stories of the building housing the City People's Council. The prison is located directly behind this building.

Post Office

4. The main post office of Turnovo is located on the main street which was formerly called "Turgovska" (present name not known). The building is 35-40 x 25 meters and entirely built of stone; it is on a slope so that the front of the building has three stories, and the rear has two stories. A street passes behind the building so that there are front and rear entrances.

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1. A radio station is located on the right hand side of the Mogila (N 42-23, E 25-43)-Kolyu Ganchevo (N 42-24, E 25-39) road, approximately two kilometers from Mogila and five kilometers southeast of Stara Zagora.¹

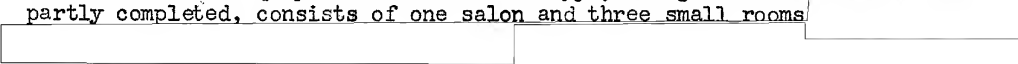
2. The following legend refers to a sketch  showing the location of the radio station near Stara Zagora, and included as Figure #2 of an appendix on page 3:

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- A. Stara Zagora
- B. Kolyu Ganchevo
- C. Mogila
- D. The Radio Station

3. All the buildings of the radio station are made of brick. The following legend refers to a sketch  showing the layout of the radio station near Stara Zagora, and included as Figure #1 of an appendix on page 3:

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1. A new building under construction, 30 x 15 meters in size; this building is to house new Soviet equipment of an unknown type; the ground floor, which is partly completed, consists of one salon and three small rooms 

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2. Workers' apartments, a 25 x 15 meter, 2-story, yellow-painted building

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3. Militia building
4. Radio station, a 30 x 30 meter, 1-story, whitewashed building
5. A single antenna pole, 70-80 meters high, painted a dark silver color
6. Transformer building, 4 x 4 meter, 1-story, whitewashed building.
4. The radio station is surrounded by barbed wire. Strands 15-20 centimeters apart are stretched between cement posts which are two meters in height and are set three meters apart. There are 5-6 militiamen stationed at the radio station.
5. Approximately 10 people work at the radio station. The director, name unknown, is about 45 years old, tall, and heavy set.
1. Comment: the radio station is 500 meters from Mogila and 7-8 kilometers from Stara Zagora.

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Figure #2

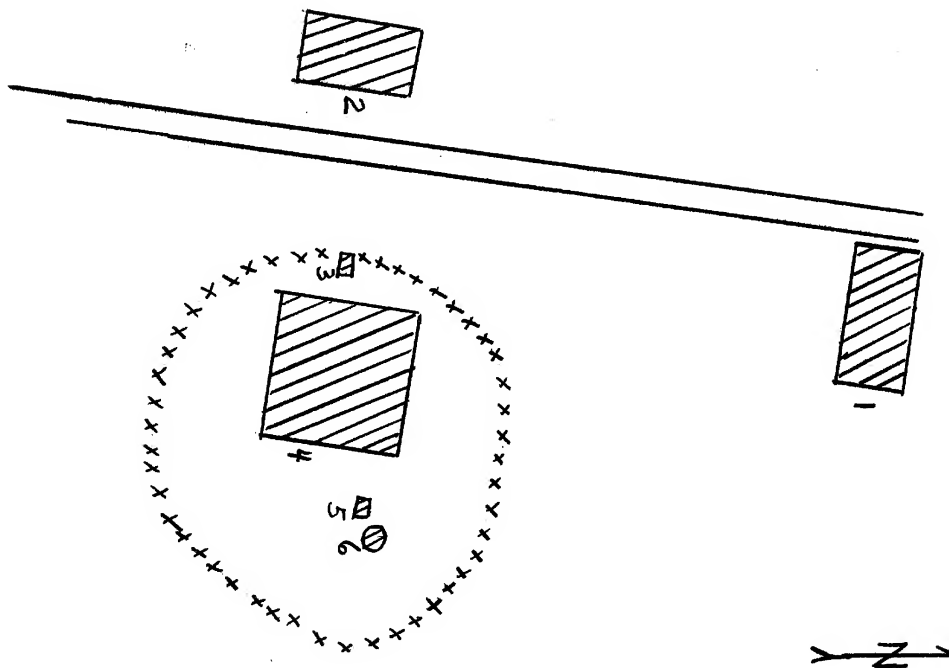
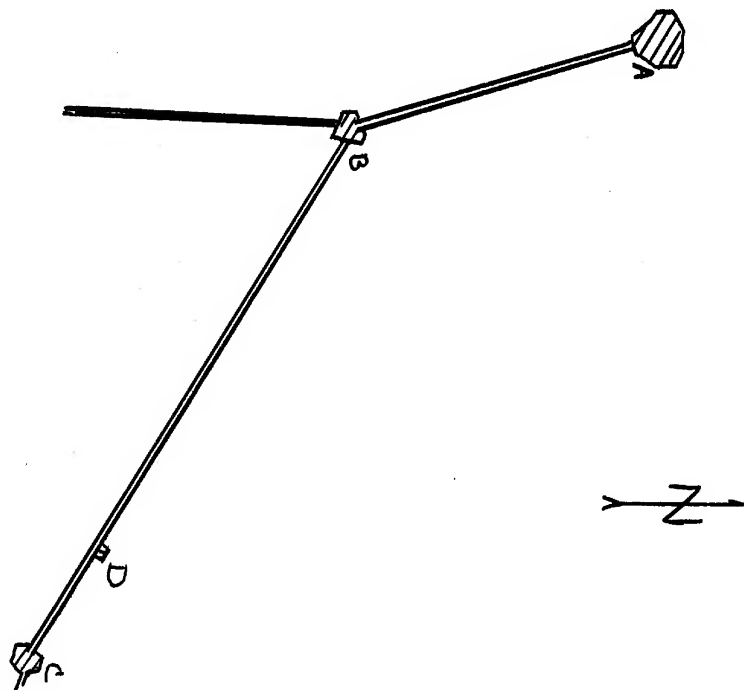


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Military Schools

1. In September 1952 [] an officer's training school was located in the former barracks of the 18 Rifle Regiment in Turnovo. [] students from this school wearing high boots, breeches, middie type jackets with upright collars and caps. The epaulets were the same color as the uniform and had red, green and white piping. Rank was identified by one, two and three silver braid stripes. The serzhant with one group, apparently a patrol, wore on his left arm a 10 centimeter wide red armband with green edging and center on which "V.P-Voenen Patraul" (Military Patrol) was written in white. 25X1
2. [] there is a school for artillery officers in Svishtov and a school for tank officers in Botevgrad. 25X1

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5 Artillery Regiment

4. In February 1950, the 5 Artillery Regiment, [] was stationed in Kolarovgrad and was equipped with an unknown number of 105 mm. Rheinmetal field guns and 115 mm. Soviet howitzers. Inductees were also trained in the Mannlicher carbines. 25X1

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5. The regiment consisted of two artillery battalions of two batteries each. Each battery of the 1 Artillery Battalion consisted of about 60 officers and men, 9 guns and 64 horses, in three platoons. There was also one motorized antitank battalion, one motorized antiaircraft battalion and one special unit equipped with range finding and communications equipment.
6. The 1 and 2 Artillery Battalions [redacted] The antitank and [redacted] antiaircraft battalions [redacted] The Podelenie of a battery was derived by appending the first letter of its commander's name to the Podelenie of the battalion to which it was subordinate. 25X1
7. [redacted] officers of 5 Artillery Regiment: 25X1
- Lieutenant Colonel Mikhaylov: Regimental CO beginning in January 1950 [redacted]
 - Captain Filkov: CO Headquarters Company 5 Artillery Regiment: [redacted]
 - Major Filkov: CO 1 Artillery Battalion, 5 Artillery Regiment: [redacted]
 - First Lieutenant Angelov; CO 1 Artillery Battery, 1 Artillery Battalion; [redacted]
 - First Lieutenant Pavlov; CO 2 Artillery Battery, 1 Artillery Battalion; [redacted] 25X1
 - Senior First Lieutenant Nikolov; Political officer, 1 Artillery Battalion, 5 Artillery Regiment.

Rifle Unit, Slivnitsa

8. As of September 1953, a rifle unit of unknown size, [redacted] was located in Slivnitsa (N 48-51, E 26-01). 25X1

Fortifications, Grudovo Okoliya

9. In September 1953, [redacted] two east-west fortification lines. One was located about 200 meters north of Zhelyazkovo (N 42-00, E 27-01), Grudovo Okoliya, and the other was about 2000 meters south of Zhelyazkovo. 25X1

Bulgarian Uniforms

10. Old Bulgarian infantry uniforms were changed in the summer of 1952 and are now modeled after Soviet uniforms. Infantry soldiers now have boat-shaped hats without ear flaps and middie type jackets with high collars. No change has been made in the golf-type pants, and new overcoats have not been issued. Summer uniforms are of green cotton, and winter uniforms are of coarse dark brown wool.
11. Infantry officers have the following uniforms:
- Winter - high collar, open front jacket with two concealed chest pockets; wide breeches; high boots; hat with black band, green top and red piping; no change has been made in the overcoats which are double breasted, of grey-blue thick wool and have open collars; the jackets, pants and hat tops are made of thin green wool; the same uniform is for daily and dress wear;
 - Summer work uniform - jackets similar to those of enlisted men; breeches of the same material; winter-type hat but of thinner material;

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- c. Summer dress uniform - jackets similar to the winter jackets but of thinner material; breeches of the same material; winter-type hat of thinner material.
12. Non-commissioned officers wear the same type of uniforms as officers but made of coarser cloth.

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1. The "Maritsa" Coal Mine is composed of three pits, the "Maritsa" pit located about 500 meters north of the Rakovski Quarter of Dimitrovgrad, the "Vulkan" pit located about 3,000 meters northwest of Rakovski, and the "Novi Rudnitsi" pit located about 2,000 meters northeast of Rakovski.
2. The administrative offices of the "Maritsa" Mine are located in the Mariyno Quarter of Dimitrovgrad. [redacted] the director is Dimitrov (fnu). 25X1

Installations in the "Maritsa" Pit
3. The "Maritsa" pit has one shaft. There are many galleries, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] There is a main general entrance and 25X1
three entrances used by the workmen. The shaft slopes down to the galleries which are about 40-50 meters below the surface of the ground.
4. In the mine area there are two stone buildings and many 1-story wooden buildings which are used as dormitories. One of the stone buildings is 40 by 10 meters in size; a mess hall is located on the first floor and administrative offices on the second floor. The other stone building is 40 by 50 meters in size; it has two stories and houses the families of mining personnel.
5. The mine is supplied with electric current from the TETs Maritsa I (thermo-electric plant) located in the Mariyno Quarter.

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6. The coal is mined by hand tools and compressed air drills. Occasionally dynamite is used for blasting in the mine.
7. In each gallery there is a conveyor belt from which the coal is loaded into mine cars. The mine cars are slightly less than one cubic meter in size and are drawn to the surface by small locomotives on a narrow gauge track.

Production and Disposal

8. The coal vein is about one to 1.5 meters thick and a maximum of 40 meters wide. The coal is sub-bituminous; no effort is made to conceal the quality of the coal. During the mining, the amount of waste is always greater than the amount of coal. The largest pieces mined are about 35-40 centimeters long.
9. Coal dust is removed from the mined coal by sieves.
10. The greater part of the coal is sent to the TETs Maritsa I. To facilitate this, there is a 200-250 meter overhead cable line. In addition, about 50-60 mine cars of coal are removed from the shaft in every shift. These are transported to the railroad loading platform where they are emptied into railroad cars through overhead funnels. Informant does not know the destination of this coal. Coal is not stored at the mine.
11. Actual production is always less than the production plans, which are prepared in Sofia on a 3-months basis. [redacted] this is because the quotas are set without taking the working conditions into consideration. Mining is not

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[redacted] in the summer of 1953, one of the conveyor belts was intentionally damaged, causing a delay to the work--the perpetrator was not discovered.

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Mine Security

12. Those not working at the mine are forbidden to enter the mine area. However, the area is not surrounded by fences and is not under permanent guard.
13. Every worker has a mine identity card. It consists of a yellow cardboard folded in two, eight by 10 centimeters in size. The cards are issued by the mine administration and bear the signature of the pit director and the chief engineer. The worker's name and Lichen Pasport (personal identity card) number is inscribed on the card; no photograph is affixed. The cards are inspected by a member of the Militia who is posted at the main pit entrance.
14. In addition, every master miner has a round metal piece, bearing a number, which is worn on the arm. Supervisors check the attendance of the miners by the numbers of the arm bands. Common laborers have no numbers.

Personnel and Working Conditions

15. The foreman of the common laborers is Khristo Davdov, [redacted]
16. The mine employs 400-500 civilian laborers plus an unknown number of prisoners and forced laborers. Most of the miners are less than 30 years old. About four percent of the civilian employees are women. About 50-60 of the employees work on the surface. About 50 percent of the laborers are professional miners. Each master miner has an assistant who takes the mined coal to the conveyor belts.

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17. The master miners work on a sub-contract basis. The average monthly income of the civilian employees is about 800 leva. Master miners receive about 1,500 leva, assistant miners receive 600-700 leva, and common laborers receive 400-500 leva.
18. Until 1952, miners were given suits, overcoats, and other wearing apparel once every two or three years. At present the workers are issued work clothes. They are not supplied with free meals.
19. Most of the workers live at the mine with their families. Bachelors are housed in the dormitories at the mine. Most of the female employees are the wives of miners. One truck is used to transport workers who do not live at the mine.
20. There is a restaurant at the mine which is operated by the Dimitrograd municipality. There are no shopping or entertainment facilities at the mine.
21. The mine is in operation seven days a week. There are three shifts of eight hours each day. Miners work in the same shift at all times; those who wish a different shift for the succeeding month request the change at the beginning of the month.
22. Although the miners are the best paid laborers in Bulgaria, they resent having lost the special clothing and food privileges which they formerly had. Their morale is low because of hard working conditions. Although they are shown publicly to be ardent supporters of the Communists, they are actually not supportive and a large number of them have begun to speak openly against the regime.

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1. The Stara Zagora prison is located in the south sector of the city. It is enclosed by stone walls five meters high. The building is "T" shaped, each wing is about 15-20 by 15 meters in size; the building is three stories high.
2. Political prisoners are held in "A" wing; all three floors are divided into small cells holding three convicts. Criminal prisoners having long sentences are held in "B" wing, which is subdivided the same as "A" wing. Criminal prisoners having light sentences are held in "V" wing; the first floor of this wing houses the prison workshops and the second floor houses those being interrogated; The second and third floors of "V" wing are divided into cells holding 20-30 persons. Prisoners in one section are not permitted contact with those in other sections. (In Bulgarian, "A," "B," "B," equivalent to "A," "B," "C.")
3. the following political prisoners were in the Stara Zagora prison as of August 1953:
 - a. Professor Stefanov (fmu), former Minister of Finance;¹
 - b. Sakelarov (fmu), a former Minister;²
 - c. Boris Khristov, former Ambassador to Moscow;
 - d. The former Bulgarian Attorney General;

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- e. Khrstov (fnu), agricultural engineer from Burgas; and
- f. Dr. Grozev (fnu), doctor from Nova Zagora.



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The Dimitrovgrad-Stara Zagora-Yambol-Elkhovo Railroad Line

1. The Stara Zagora-Yambol railroad line is in very good condition. The Dimitrovgrad-Stara Zagora and Yambol-Elkhovo lines are inferior but they are still in good condition. The Yambol-Elkhovo road bed is constructed of gravel.
2. There are no tunnels on the Stara Zagora-Yambol-Elkhovo route. There is a tunnel about 250 meters long located about 500 meters north of Dimitrovgrad; only one track passes through the tunnel.
3. The rail line is single-track between Dimitrovgrad and Elkhovo. There are many (sic) spurs in the Dimitrovgrad, Stara Zagora, and Yambol stations. At the Malomir station (near Malomir, N 42-12, E 26-57), there are two spurs, connected at both ends to the main track. There is a roundhouse in the Elkhovo station.
4. No documents are required for travel between Dimitrovgrad and Malomir.
5. Combined freight and passenger trains leave Elkhovo daily at 5:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for Yambol. Combined freight and passenger trains leave Yambol daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for Elkhovo.

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Elkhovo-Burgas Road

6. Golyamo Krushevo is about 35 kilometers from Elkhovo and 65 kilometers from Burgas on the Elkhovo-Burgas road. This road is paved with gravel and sand, is

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about six meters wide, and has drainage ditches on both sides. The highway was built in 1937 and has become potted in various places. Piles of construction materials along the road indicate that repairs are to be made.

7. This road is used primarily for freight traffic. The road is sometimes closed by snow; when this happens the local villagers are mobilized to work on the road. There have been times when traffic has been impossible for several days.

1.  Comment: These schedules approximate the times given in the Bulgarian "Official Guide for Travelling: Enforced from May 1953."

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